

REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action mailed 09/01/2005. In the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 16-67 were restricted under a classification type of restriction requirement.

Reconsideration of the restriction requirement in view of the remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-10 and 16-67 were previously pending. No new claim is added or cancelled by this paper. Claims 11-15 were previously cancelled without prejudice. Accordingly, claims 1-10 and 16-67 are still pending in this application. Of those pending, claims 1, 4, 16, 21, 29, 43, 54, and 60 are independent claims.

Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter has been added by this response.

RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

On page 2 of the Office Action, claims 1-10 and 16-67 were restricted into four different groups of claims based on search classifications as follows:

I. Claims 1-10, drawn to a capacitor array in an IC, classified, for example, in class 257, subclass 532;

II. Claims 16-20, drawn to a capacitor array in an IC, classified, for example, in class 716, subclass 2;

III. Claims 21-42, drawn to a DAC, classified, for example, in class 341, subclass 144;

IV. Claims 43-67, drawn to an ADC, classified, for example, in class 341, subclass 155.

In response to the restriction requirement, without traverse, Applicant hereby elects Group IV, claims 43-67, the largest claim grouping for which filing fees have been paid.

PATENT RELATED REFERENCES

The office action provided a few patent related references, namely US Pat. No. 5,973,633 ("Hester") and US application publication nos. 2003/0210165 ("Carreau") and 2004/0129966 ("Giuroiui").

Applicant has elected to not address these at this time as a rejection of claims on prior art has yet been made.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, a first substantive examination of the pending claims is respectfully requested. Allowance of the pending claims at an early date is respectfully solicited.

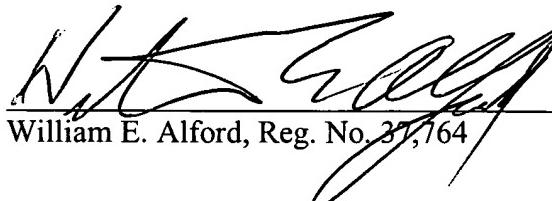
The Examiner is invited to contact Applicant's undersigned counsel by telephone at (714) 557-3800 to expedite the prosecution of this case should there be any unresolved matters remaining.

To the extent necessary, a petition for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 is hereby made.

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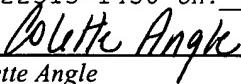
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